Weekly Construction Update

Apr 21 – 25, 2014



Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project

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What's Happening on Site this Week?

Exterior

- North Wing: Stone repairs continue on east façade.
- East Wing: Stone repairs continue on east façade.
- West Wing: Field measuring of west façade stone continues.
 Scaffolding installation on the north façade.

Interior

- Basement: Foundation underpinning continues.
- Basement: Concrete slab removal and lead paint abatement continues.
- Basement: More asbestos removal in miscellaneous areas. Finishing up asbestos removal from trench beneath the Capitol corridor.
- Investigation continues of locations for new mechanical system shafts on the upper levels.

Anticipated Noise and Disturbances

Exterior

- Expect noise, vibration, and workers in view wherever there is scaffolding. This includes the East Wing east and north façades, and the North Wing east and north façades.
- North Wing: Workers in view and minor noise during scaffolding installation on the west façade.

Interior

- Basement: Slab removal and underpinning will increase vibration and noise.
- Basement: The temporary corridors outside passenger elevators have been rerouted.

Site Logistics - Getting Around the Capitol

- The basement is undergoing major construction. The temporary corridors will slightly reconfigure from day-to-day to accommodate work areas. Signage will guide you through the corridors.
- Access to the Rathskeller from the tunnel system has been reconfigured. The old hallway access has reopened.
- The two basement stairways leading to the ground level are no longer available. Please use the elevators or take Rathskeller stairs.
- We apologize for any inconveniences during this historic restoration project.
- You may want plan for a few extra minutes to get to your location(s).

Looking Ahead - Three Weeks Out

Exterior

 West Wing: Scaffolding on the west façade installed over the next week.

Interior

- Basement: Mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) underslab installation will continue.
- Basement: Underpinning and slab removal continues,
- Fencing will be installed around Lot N.

Project Milestones

 French door restoration work in Senate, House and Judicial retiring rooms completed.



Featured Notice

The temporary corridors outside the passenger elevators have been rerouted.



Images of the Week

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Marble being extracted from the Georgia quarry for the Capitol building in the 1890s.



An artisan sculpts an eagle into marble in 1905.

Questions or Comments?

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